with Government for bringing the Cricket Control Board of India under Government's guidelines in view of the urgency of general discipline in the domain of sports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Strength of DTC Fleet

*156. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total strength of Delhi Transport Corporations own fleet at present and the number of private buses plying under the kilometre scheme;

(b) whether private buses have been employed in DTC service under any other scheme if so, what is their number at present; and

(c) whether any study has been carried out as to the total number of buses which Delhi roads can accommodate and if so, its recommendations in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) As on 1st May, 1988 the fleet position of DTC is as follows:—

(i) DTC's own buses—4384

(ii) Private Operators buses operating under special arrangement with DTC—1006

(iii) Private Operators buses under Administrative Operational and Control Charges Scheme—2

(iv) Private Operators Mini buses under KM scheme—32

(c) Carrying capacity of the total road network for buses is related to the road length, the road widening, fly-overs, number and variety of other vehicles plying on the roads and the traffic management systems. The road capacities have been increasing over the years. A Planning Commission study in January, 1982 had placed 5000 DTC buses as the maximum upto which Delhi roads can accommodate the buses, without calling for any investment in capacity expansion. The study had emphasised the need for a Mass Rapid Transit System for Delhi. Recently, the Task Force set up by the Ministry of Urban Development in its report submitted in September, 1987 has also recommended introduction of Mass Rapid Transit System on selected corridors.

Change in Text Books in Delhi Schools

*157. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the text books prescribed for certain subjects in Delhi Schools have been changed in the new session that commenced in April, 1988;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these books have not been released by NCERT so far greatly harming the student studies;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when these books are likely to be made available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (d) Revision of curriculum, syllabi and text books has been taken up as a phased time bound programme to implement the thrusts of the National Policy on Education—1986. The schools coming under

the purview of the Delhi Administration follow the syllabi and text books developed by the NCERT and CBSE. The NCERT has developed the curriculum framework for the school stage. Following this up it developed syllabi and new text books for Classes I, III and VI which were introduced in Kendriya Vidyalayas in 1987-88. New text books in these Classes are being introduced in 1988-89 by the Delhi Administration. According to the information furnished by Delhi Administration these are likely to be ready by the end of June, 1988. Till then the studies are being conducted with the help of old text books.

In the Kendriya Vidyalayas the new text books of NCERT will be introduced in Classes II, IV, VII, IX and XI in 1988-89. These are expected to be ready by the end of June, 1988. The text books in other Classes are not being changed.

Administrative reorganisation of Railways

*158. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to reorganise the administrative units of Indian Railways by adding a few more divisions;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government propose to open new railway divisions at Bilaspur or Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Works in providing certain infrastructural facilities for the new Sambalpur and Nanded Divisions are in progress. No other divisions are planned for the present.

(c) Divisions with headquarters at Bilaspur and Jabalpur are already functioning.

Concession in fares by railways to accredited journalists in rural and semiurban areas

*159. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that concession in Railway fares is available to accredited journalists of only big cities;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for discrimination against journalists in rural and semi-urban areas;

(c) whether Railways propose to give this concession to all journalists with accredition; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Travel concession is admissible to the Press Correspondents accredited to the Headquarters of Central and State Governments, and Union Territories.

(b) to (d) It has been decided to confine this concession only to the Union and State Government level and there is no proposal to extend its scope due to difficulties in implementation.

Disposal of the Boeing 737 Aircraft

*160. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India have taken any decision to dispose of Boeing-737 aircraft; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof and the number of Boeing-737 likely to be disposed of and the mode of disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Air India does not have B737 aircraft.

(b) Does not arise.